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21 March 1957

MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD

SUBJECT: Meeting with Mr. K. MIERLAK

1. The meeting with Mr. MIERLAK was affected in New York City on 11 March. The following topics were discussed: (a) Byelorussian candidates for the AEREADY Program; (b) Project AEFULFILL; (c) the Soviet attempts at penetration of the Byelorussian emigration in the West; and (d) the transmittal of an information sheet and photograph of the Byelorussian SSR delegate to the United Nations who has been mentioned as a possible defector.

2. Mr. MIERLAK stated that he was certain that the quota of 4 Byelorussian candidates would be in the next AEREADY class, scheduled for 1 October 1957. He asked about the status of the names he had originally submitted and was told that the information was not adequate to complete the necessary clearance action. He agreed to supplement the original data submitted. A complete list of the information desired was outlined to him.

3. He asked about the status of the Byelorussian package program and was told that the Project has not been approved as yet. He was requested to be patient with Government methods and as soon as the approval was granted he would be so informed. According to ☐ ☒ Mr. MIERLAK was to have prepared a list of addressees and addressors on Project AEFULFILL. Mr. MIERLAK made no mention of this to the undersigned case officer.

4. Although it had never been expressed to Mr. MIERLAK that the undersigned case officer had any interest in the CE field, Mr. MIERLAK submitted two indications of Soviet attempts to penetrate and undermine the status of the BNR. One such attempt, through a person named CHMARA in Canada, had been mentioned previously by the President of the BNR. The information is being sent to SR/3 with the notice that DOB is forwarding the data for information purposes only and that we have no professional CE interest in the case since DOB is unable to do any extensive collecting of data in this field. Since SR/DOB, through its case officers, has contacts

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with emigre groups we will continue to send such CE information to the responsible authorities as may be available.

5. Mr. MIERLAK was given \$89.32 as reimbursement for travel expenses incurred by Mr. BIELYAMUK during an AEREADY spotting trip in the Cleveland, Ohio, area. No time or date was set for the next contact.

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8. AEREADY-2 was telephoned at his office (Whitehall 4-1900, ex.. 45) by the undersigned and was asked to compile his Hot War agent candidate information and obtain as much detail as he can for Mr. Romankiw who plans to meet with him in 3-4 weeks. He also was requested to prepare a list of addressees and addressors for Project AEFULFILL.

9. The undersigned tried to contact ☐ ☐ by telephone at his place of business but was told that he was on vacation until 4 March 1957.

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*Excerpt
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